STATEMENT

List of Exchanges which are due for replacement as on date

	Name of City	*Type of Exchange*	*Existing Capacity*
1.	Chapra	MAX I	1000 L
2.	Muzaffarpur	MAX I	5100 L
3.	Motihari	MAX II	800 L
4.	Darbhanga/Leheriasarai	MAX II	900 L/800 L
5.	Samastipur	MAX II	600 L
6.	Katihar	MAX II	800 L
7.	Kishanganj	MAX II	400 L
8.	Mongyr	MAX II	900 L
9.	Deoghar	MAX II	900 L
10.	Rajendranagar (Patna)	X-bar	10000 L
11.	Arrah	MAX II	600 L
12.	Buxar	CBM	360 L
13.	Sasaram	MAX II	500 L
14.	Dalmianagar	MAX II	400 L
15.	Dhanbad	MAX I	4200 L
16.	Bokaro	MAX II	2000 L
17.	Daltonganj	MAX II	1100 L
18.	Hazaribagh	MAX II	1400 L
19.	Giridih	MAX II	1000 L
20.	Ranchi	X-Bar	9000 L

NOTE: MAX-I—Strowger big exchanges.
MAX-II—Strowger small exchanges.
X-bar—Cross Bar Exchanges.
L—Lines

Digital Telephone Apparatus

1303. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaint about the poor quality of the digital telephone apparatus being provided to the subscribers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the quality thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. A few complaints have been received.

(b) Stricter quality control has been enforced. Where deficiencies were found the modifications of the design have been indicated to the manufacturer. They have been carried out. The quality of telephones is continuously monitored.